

AMONG CLOUDS.

Weather Bureau and Agricultural Department Officials

Ascend Ten Thousand Feet in a Balloon to Make Observations,

And Tests of the Relative Humidity on the Earth's Surface at Different Elevations—The Most Remarkable Balloon Ascent Ever Made.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Prof. H. A. Hazen, of the Weather bureau, with Mr. John T. Ellis, of the agricultural department, went up in a balloon Thursday afternoon, and after ascending nearly 10,000 feet came down again safely.

The ascension took place from Camp Arlington, on the Ft. Myer reservation, and the balloon landed over in Maryland, nine miles or so from the starting point.

The aeronauts went up to make tests of the relative humidity on the earth's surface and at various elevations. The experiments were thoroughly satisfactory. It was forty degrees colder up above than at Camp Arlington. Prof. Hazen gives the following account of the tests:

The recent dry spell, the driest in the history of the weather service in this city, afforded a very favorable opportunity for testing the conditions of the atmosphere during such a period, and this chance was gladly accepted by Gen. Dyrenforth and his co-laborers. In many respects this was the most remarkable balloon ascension ever made in this country, and it deserves a special notice. The balloon contained 17,000 cubic feet, and Friday was inflated with the purest hydrogen, otherwise it could not have lifted its load of about 370 pounds. The aeronauts were Mr. John T. Ellis, who has already made several ascensions and is very enthusiastic in his investigations, and Mr. Hazen, who has made five ascensions.

The start was at 3:30, and was made only after the most careful tests by Mr. Caster, to whose painstaking efforts much of the success of the ascension must be attributed. The departure was from the southeast corner of Arlington, and the course pursued almost due east across the Potomac. There was at first a gradual descent, owing to a possible cooling of the gas, which was checked by throwing out ballast. At 4:26 the highest point was reached—9,400 feet—and there was a singular stillness of the air, the balloon remaining poised for seven minutes.

The observation of temperature and humidity made by both observers as rapidly as possible were eminently successful. There was a gradual diminution in the vapor from the earth, where the dew-point was 30.5 degrees, to the highest point, with 7.5 degrees. At about 8,000 feet the air was saturated, but this stratum was barely 1,000 feet thick. All the observations showed a remarkable dryness in the air. The temperature of the air was 13.4 degrees at the highest point, or a diminution of one degree in 245 feet. This shows a great cooling, as the ordinary rate is one degree in 800 feet. At all points in the ascent the gas of the balloon was warmer than the outside air, and after landing the gas was remarkably cooler than the air, although, according to theory, it should have been twenty degrees warmer than the air. The relative humidity was 41 per cent. at starting, 100 per cent. at 800 feet and 60 per cent. at the highest point.

The safety of such explorations with ordinary care was abundantly attested and it is very much to be hoped that with this auspicious opening the science of meteorology may make fresh and most important advances. It is too true that thus far we have only the crudest idea of the actual conditions of the atmosphere during rain-fall, snow, cold waves, hot waves, drought, etc., and until we have this knowledge meteorologists must continue to grope in the dark. It is gratifying that the experimenters on rain-fall production are alive to the necessity of making such scientific investigations and are so willing to accept the science of meteorology which must be benefited by all their work.

A STRANGE REPEAT.

Horseflesh, Skunk, Broiled Rat and Cat Washed Down With Champagne.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 29.—Behind the closed portals of a parlor at the Genesee hotel, eight men, prominent in the business and social world of this city, partook of a queer feast. They ate horseflesh, polecat, broiled rats, cats and side dishes of locusts and cockroaches. Some time ago a man went to Manager Cary, of the hotel, and contracted with him to cook the dishes as he ordered them. His orders were carried out to the letter and every one of the party ate with evident relish, washing down the viands with champagne. It is doubted if all knew what they were eating. The strange feast is said to have been the result of a wager. The names of the men are not given for publication, and the story was to have been kept secret altogether. A waiter at the hotel told the facts Friday night and Manager Cary confirmed them, but refused to divulge the names of those present at the banquet.

An Unpopular Mayor Poisoned.

VIENNA, Oct. 29.—Mayor Zmeskal, of Lemberg, died of a dose of poison administered in his food. He had made himself exceedingly unpopular by enforcing the orders of the government for the prevention of cholera. His rigid execution of sanitary precautions was accompanied by numerous threats against his life.

Snow in Wisconsin.

WEST SUPERIOR, Oct. 29.—A severe storm occurred Friday morning, with the first snow of the season. The wind blew with great force. The front of the Culver building was blown in and other damage done. It is feared there may be damage to shipping, as numerous vessels are out in the storm.

TRAINS COME TOGETHER.

One Man Killed and Several Injured on the Big Four Road.

THEIR HAUTE, Ind., Oct. 29.—Two freight trains on the Big Four road collided on the bridge over the Wabash river about 7 o'clock Friday morning, and both trains, engines, and all went into the river. The two freight trains met at the third span of the bridge—at the draw where the boats go through—and the force of the collision was so great that the bridge gave way at that point, making a chasm of 100 feet. Down this the two engines and half a dozen coal and cattle cars were precipitated into the river.

A poultry car, loaded with butter and eggs, remained hanging over the edge. All the other cars remained on the bridge. The two engines were completely wrecked, being smashed out of recognition. One of the engines completely disappeared under the water, and the other is partly visible. The accident happened in this way:

A freight had pulled partly out of the bridge to make room for another freight to enter the siding, when through freight No. 42, with Engineer Wesley Allison, of Mattoon, dashed onto the bridge from the west. The engineer was unable to check his train and the collision occurred. The crash was heard for miles around.

A moment or so later and the cracking of the great timber showed that the bridge was giving away, and the colliding engines and cars began to tumble into the river. Engineer Allison went down and was killed. His body has not yet been found, as it is in the mass of wreckage. Brakeman James Hart sustained an injured leg. The engineer of the other freight, Lynn, escaped death miraculously by holding on to the pier.

DUEL OVER A WIDOW.

Two Stock Raisers Engaged to the Same Woman.

GOLDHILL, Ida., Oct. 29.—A terrific duel with knives was fought near here between George Barker and Henry Paxton, both well-to-do stock raisers. The fight was over Mrs. Maggie Brandt, a widow who had betrothed herself to both, and took place at the house of a man named Meserve, whose housekeeper the woman was. The two men met at the Meserve house, and learned the duplicity of the woman. They drew large knives and stabbed and cut each other in a frightful manner. Mrs. Brandt watched the spectacle for ten minutes, until Barker fell from a terrible wound in his throat, and Paxton was nearly scalped. Mrs. Brandt then tried to embrace the latter, who cut her nose off and cut out an eye with his knife.

WONDERFUL PLANT.

Ten Feet High and Bore Mammoth Tomatoes.

ROCKLAND, O., Oct. 29.—About one mile below Belpre, the garden owned by Mr. A. P. Sherman grew one of the largest tomato plants ever seen here. The height of the plant is ten feet, and two feet above the ground it had five branches, all of which were perfect. The body was two inches through two feet above the ground. It bore 100 well developed tomatoes. All of them ripened and the largest one weighed one pound. The color was dark purple and the tomatoes have but few seeds in them.

A New Oil Field.

WILKESBAUR, Pa., Oct. 29.—Great excitement prevails at Catawissa, a small town forty miles from here along the line of the D. & W. railroad. It has been made known that oil has been found on the land of William John, a farmer, and hundreds flock to the scene and found the report was true. Several bucketfuls were pumped out from a depth of 200 feet and it was pronounced to be an A No. 1 product. The farmers in the vicinity are very much excited and the price of land is going up rapidly.

The Postman in Madagascar.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Advice received by the post office department indicates that before very long letters bearing the postage stamp of Madagascar will be coming to this country. The Malagasy government has taken a great stride in civilization by organizing an inland postal service, and application has been made to the powers for admission to the Postal Union. The inland service will be delivered by men on foot in relays, traversing bi-weekly the 229 miles between Antananarivo and Tamatave.

An Asylum Fire.

WESTON, W. Va., Oct. 29.—A fire broke out in the West Virginia hospital for the insane, and almost entirely destroyed the brick annex, in which the colored patients were confined. Excitement ran high, and the frantic screams of the unfortunate inmates could be heard on every hand. Fortunately, no lives were lost, although considerable damage resulted. The fire originated from a gas jet.

New Paper For Nashville.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 29.—A new afternoon paper was started here Friday called the Evening News. It will support Gov. Buchanan, the Weaver electoral ticket and independent legislative ticket in this country. This is the only daily paper in the state devoted to Gov. Buchanan and the populist cause. Mr. Kernon of Memphis is the editor.

Papal Dispensation Aids Cupid.

ROME, Oct. 29.—The Pope has granted a dispensation for the marriage of Princess Marie, eldest daughter of the duke of Edinburgh, and Prince Ferdinand, crown prince of Roumania. The former is a Protestant, the latter a Catholic.

Five Feet of Snow in Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 29.—A very heavy snow storm has been prevailing in Russia, and in many places the ground is covered to the depth of five feet. Railway traffic has been interrupted in every direction.

Eighty-Six Sheriffs at Homestead.

HOMESTEAD, Pa., Oct. 29.—Sheriff McCleary increased his force of deputies fifty-one men Thursday, making eighty-six now on duty. With this force, it is thought, he will be in a position to prevent further disorder.

PLAYED WITH MATCHES.

Two Children Burned to Death Near Grayson, Ky.

GRAYSON, Ky., Oct. 29.—Two children of Benj. Irwin, a farmer residing one mile from town, were burned to death Friday morning. In the family were a double set of twins, aged 4 and 2 years respectively. It was one of each of these twins that was killed. Mrs. Irwin had gone to a neighbors for a few moments, and the father was engaged in shucking corn. The children were left to the care of an elder sister, who stepped out to the spring to get some water.

When she returned she found the youngest child writhing in agony on the ground in front of the house, and the other in a dying condition upon the bed. Every vestige of clothing had been burned off of them, and they lived but a few hours. As there was no fire about the house the supposition of the parents is that the children had in some way got hold of some matches, and were playing with them when they ignited and set the babes on fire. Both were buried in the same coffin Saturday.

BRITISH STEAMSHIP

Wrecked Off the Portuguese Coast, Only Nine Lives Being Saved.

LISBON, Oct. 29.—The British steamship Roumania has been wrecked at the mouth of the Arêho river, near Peniche. One hundred and thirteen persons were drowned, and only nine were saved. The Roumania had fifty-five passengers. The captain and pilot are among the lost.

The Roumania was an iron screw steamship of 3,387 tons, belonging to the Anchor Line, and plying between Liverpool and Bombay. She sailed from Liverpool for Bombay on October 22. Her length was 394 feet, breadth 38 feet and depth 23½ feet, and she was built at Glasgow in 1880. Peniche, near where the Roumania is reported to have been wrecked, is a fortified town of Portugal, on the Atlantic ocean about fifty miles north of the mouth of the Tagus.

An Imprisoned Miner.

SHERMAN, Pa., Oct. 29.—The work of rescuing Peter Andriak, who has been imprisoned since Wednesday afternoon by a fall of coal at Indian Ridge colliery, is still being vigorously prosecuted. Although the man's voice can be heard distinctly by the rescuers, it may be ten hours before he can be reached owing to the running of coal, rock and dirt. Several shifts of rescuers, working two hours each, have been engaged since the accident. This relief gang is composed of bosses and the most experienced miners, and they were confident of reaching him alive some time Friday night.

Mysterious Murder.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 29.—Salvatore Catensara, a Sicilian, was found in a dying condition on Duquesne way, Friday morning. He had been stabbed in the left side with a stiletto; but by whom it is not known. Catensara is a fruit dealer, and it is said four men were seen fighting on Duquesne way shortly before he was found. The whole affair is shrouded in mystery. So far two arrests have been made on suspicion. Catensara's death is only a question of a few hours.

A Vigorous Yawn.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Oct. 29.—Lewis Cissell, a printer of this city, on arising gave an unusually vigorous yawn, and when he concluded to close up his mouth, he couldn't do it, having thrown his jaw out of place. He could not speak, but finally managed to make the boys understand what was the matter. Dr. Walker arrived and soon had his jaw in working order again. Lewis will be a little shy of yawns for a time, at least.

An American Pilgrimage to Rome.

ROME, Oct. 29.—Monsignor Satolli, papal delegate to the United States, has reported to the vatican that the plan for a pilgrimage of American Catholics to this city in celebration of the pope's Episcopal jubilee has been indorsed "with touching enthusiasm." Two thousand pilgrims, as the fewest, may be expected to arrive here from New York next spring. Already \$5,000 has been received for Massachusetts on the anniversary day.

American Humane Association Election.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 29.—The sixteenth annual convention of the American Humane association closed Friday. Chicago was chosen as the place for the next meeting in 1903, and the following officers were elected: President, John G. Shortal, of Chicago; treasurer, Craig G. Ritchie, Philadelphia; secretary, Martin V. Davis, Philadelphia.

Swedish Vessel Stranded.

CHRISTIANIA, Oct. 29.—The steamer Strandsand Riddervold, conveying the mails coastwise from Christiansand, stranded near Gimness during a blinding storm. The vessel filled rapidly and sank. The passengers and crew were saved, but all the passengers' luggage and the mails, except a large number of registered letters, were lost.

Killed by His Son.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 29.—C. M. Baker, district passenger agent for the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis railroad, was shot and killed Friday night by his own son. The boy was at home reading, he alleges. He says his father came and began beating him with a large stick. He had been drinking, the boy says.

Man and Wife Killed by Cars.

CHESTER, Pa., Oct. 29.—The Baltimore and Ohio flyer struck a cab containing Michael Kane and wife, of Philadelphia, at Darby, killing both. Kane and his wife were attending a funeral. Their remains were scattered along the track for half a mile.

An Electric Strike.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—The long-expected strike of the Electric Wiremen's union began Friday morning, and it is expected that 700 men will be out by night. The employment of non-union men caused the strike.

Wm. Morris Declines the Laureate Ship. LONDON, Oct. 29.—The Chronicle Friday morning announced that the poet laureate had been offered to William Morris, and that he declined the honor.

CONDENSED NEWS

Gathered From All Parts of the Country by Telegraph.

George Graham, a northern white man, was shot to death by Joe Dickerson, a colored democrat, near Madison, Fla.

Nina Marshall, a notorious resident of St. Louis, is said to be trying to work off for paternity on a well-known architect a proxy baby, much after the style of the Eva Ray Hamilton sensation in New York three years ago.

Emilio Castelar, Spain's eloquent and distinguished prime minister, will, in all probability, be the orator on Ceremonial day, May 1 next, when the World's Columbian exposition opens its gates to the world.

The London Chronicle's Rome correspondent says: "The pope has acceded to the request of a deputation of Italian cardinals that he will not appoint sufficient foreign cardinals to risk the election of an Italian pope."

The report that the German government will raise additional revenue rendered necessary by the military bill by increasing the import and excise duties on tobacco, is confirmed by the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung.

A cow belonging to Jonathan Black, of Zelma, Ind., recently gave birth to a calf with two distinct and well-developed tails. Evidently, from the abundant means of defense, there will never be any flies on that calf.

All the lines of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy which have been occupied by the American express and the Wells, Fargo & Co. will, on and after January, be occupied by the Adams Express Co., with which a contract has been made.

The present term of the Philadelphia criminal court presents a ghastly array of homicide cases. Sixteen murderers, men and women, are lying in the county prison awaiting trial. Among them are a number of men who killed women.

Secretary A. A. Graham, of the Ohio Archaeological and Historical society, has returned from Chicago. He reports that while in Chicago the society elected Ex-President R. B. Hayes president of the organization, a position that has been vacant since the death of Mr. F. C. Sessions.

While the horses were at the post in the third race at Hawthorne, Chicago, Friday, a wind-storm struck the stand and shook it. There was a small panic stopped by the flag falling, after Tom Williams, a track man, had been crushed on the stairs and had his arm and shoulder broken.

The Paris correspondent of the London Chronicle states that a Mrs. Cronan (nee Bryan), a rich woman, of Irish extraction, is accused of hiring her husband murdered and his body thrown into the Seine. According to the account the men informed the police of the bargain made with them.

Alfred W. Wenway was appointed receiver of the Order of the Aegis by Judge Allen, of the Supreme court at Boston, Friday, by agreement with the parties in interest. The liabilities are \$400,000, and the assets \$235,000. Certain irregularities were alleged against the officers, but these have been withdrawn.

A remarkable meteor passed over Birmingham, Ala., from northeast to southwest. It was intensely bright and seemingly about three feet wide. The track it left was serpentine in shape and remained bright for fully five minutes. At the spot where it disappeared in the southwest, a bright line in the shape of the letter L remained for several minutes.

THE MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 29.

WHEAT—Winter patent, \$3.90; fancy, \$3.90; No. 2, \$3.85; extra, \$3.80; No. 2, low grade, \$3.60; spring patent, \$4.25; No. 2, spring fancy, \$3.50; No. 2, spring family, \$3.40; No. 2, spring, \$3.30; No. 2, buckwheat, \$2.50; No. 2, per 100 lb sack.

WHEAT—The market was weak and slow. At the close prime No. 2 red was at 47c, with buyers at 46c. No. 3 red was quoted at \$2.80 for prime to choice samples.

CORN—The market was dull and easy, closing with sellers of No. 2 white at 40c, and No. 2 mixed at 39c. Old ear worth about 42c, and new samples offered at 36c for prime.

OATS—Some choice No. 2 white was offered at 35c, and regular inspection samples at 34c. No. 2 white was slow at 32c, and No. 2 mixed at 31c. Inside rates representing buyers' views.

RYE—The market was dull and easy at 55c for prime No. 2, spot, track. No trading reported.

CATTLE—Select butcher, \$3.75; fair to good, \$3.00; common, \$2.75; Hotters: Good to choice heavy, \$3.00; good to choice, \$2.75; common to fair, \$2.50.

VEAL CALVES—Common and large, \$3.50; fair to good, light, \$3.25; fat, \$3.00; fat pigs, \$3.00.

HOGS—Select heavy shipping, \$5.25; fair to good packing, \$5.00; common and rough, \$4.75; fat to good light, \$3.50; fat pigs, \$3.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Sheep—Wethers, \$4.50; 800; fat ewes, \$4.00; 400; common to fair mixed, \$3.50; 300; stock ewes, \$3.00; 200; Lamb—Best shippers, \$4.75; fair to good, \$4.50; 200; butchers, \$3.50; 200.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.

WHEAT—Active, excited, heavy, lower: December, 75½c; May, 81½c.

RYE—Dull; western, 60c; 60c.

BARLEY—Quiet; western, 60c; 60c.

CORN—Dull and weaker: December, 51½c; May, 51½c; No. 2 50½c; 50½c.

OATS—Quiet and easier: December, 36½c; May, 36½c; western, 32½c; 30c.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 29.

CATTLE—Market: Steady and unchanged; one carload less shipped to New York.

HOGS—Market steady: Philadelphia, \$5.00; 600; mixed, \$4.50; 400; Yorkers, \$3.75; 200; 12 cars hogs shipped to New York.

SHEEP—Market slow at about yesterday's prices.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 29.

WHEAT—Weak: No. 2 red spot and October, 70c; December, 72c; May, 80c.

CORN—Steady: mixed spot, 48c; October, 48c.

OATS—Steady: No. 2 white western, 32c; 30c; RYE—Dull: No. 2, 60c nominal.

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.

WHEAT—Buyers holding off: No. 2 spring wheat, 59c; No. 2 spring wheat, 57c; No. 2 red, 59c; No. 2 corn, 40c; No. 2, 39c; No. 2, 38c; No. 2 white, 31c; No. 2, 30c; No. 2, 29c; No. 2, 28c; No. 2, 27c; No. 2, 26c; No. 2, 25c; No. 2, 24c; No. 2, 23c; No. 2, 22c; No. 2, 21c; No. 2, 20c; No. 2, 19c; No. 2, 18c; No. 2, 17c; No. 2, 16c; No. 2, 15c; No. 2, 14c; No. 2, 13c; No. 2, 12c; No. 2, 11c; No. 2, 10c; No. 2, 9c; No. 2, 8c; No. 2, 7c; No. 2, 6c; No. 2, 5c; No. 2, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 2, 2c; No. 2, 1c; No. 2, 0c.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 29.

WHEAT—Weak and unsettled: No. 2 red October, 71½c; 71½c.

CORN—Options declined ¼c; closed weak; local ear-logs dull: No. 4 yellow in grain depot, 50c; No. 2 mixed for local trade, 51c; No. 2 mixed October, November and December, 48c; 48c.

OATS—Car-logs steady, but firm and quiet; future's shade firmer, but quiet: No. 2 white, 31c; No. 2 white, 30c; No. 2 on track, 29c; No. 2 white October and November, 28c; 28c.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

First—That Allen Grover, Calvert C. Arthur, Edward F. Herndon, Henry A. Rees, H. W. Rees and William Manley have become incorporated by virtue of the provisions of the General Statutes of Kentucky under the name of Shannon and Forman Turnpike Company, and the principal place of transacting business is at the residence of John B. Herndon, Esq., Mason county, Ky.

Second—The nature of the business proposed to be transacted is the construction, maintenance and operation of a turnpike road from the Sardin Turnpike Road near the forks of Shannon creek to Fleming county line near Forman's Chapel, a distance of about two and a half miles.

Third—The capital stock of said corporation is six thousand dollars, in shares of twenty-five dollars each, the private stock to be paid in upon call of the Directors, and the stock of Mason county in accordance with the requirements of the order of the Court of Claims of Mason county.

Fourth—Said corporation shall commence business as soon as two thousand dollars is subscribed to the capital stock and shall continue in existence fifty years.

Fifth—The affairs of the corporation are to be conducted by a President and a Board of Directors, five in number, a Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom are to be stockholders in said corporation. The first set of officers shall be Allen Grover, President; H. W. Rees, Calvert C. Arthur, Edward F. Herndon, William Manley and Henry A. Rees, Directors; Edward F. Herndon, Secretary; H. W. Rees, Treasurer, and they shall hold their offices until the first Monday in April, 1890, and until their successors are chosen and qualified; and every first Monday in April thereafter a President and Board of Directors shall be chosen by the stockholders, and a Secretary and Treasurer by the President and Board of Directors to hold for the ensuing year and until their successors are chosen and qualified.

Sixth—The indebtedness of said corporation shall at no time exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

Seventh—The private property of the stockholders is to be exempt from the corporate debts of said corporation.

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